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THE ALUMNI DINE

PRESIDENT STOCKTON MAKES REPORT

Annual Dinner of Grads Great Success

THE annual dinner of the alumni of the George Washington University was held at Rauscher's on the night of March 29th. In addition to the eighty-nine actually seated at the tables, there were a number of the former students of the University present in the balcony overlooking the banquet hall. Among the assembly there were many men prominent in the affairs of the city and of the nation, but the attendance was not limited to the alumni since many of the alumnae were also present.

The policy of the association has heretofore been to exclude women from the banquet. This year, however, marked a departure from the general custom, and it has been proven a departure in the right direction. There is no reason why in a co-educational institution the ladies should be excluded from the annual affairs of that institution, and it is a source of gratification to all that the women have this year asserted their rights and taken part in the affair. It has been suggested that the formidable gathering on the 3d of March might have had something to do with the recognition given to the "weaker" sex on this occasion.

The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Fred Dennett, whose subject was the "Government Employment As a Profession." The position of the government employee in college was much discussed and it was brought out that in addition to the many men now prominent in public life, two Cabinet members of the last and preceding administrations had been students in the George Washington Law College. Mr. Dennett expressed himself in favor of the elevation of the government service to the plane of the other professions where none but those especially qualified by previous training might enter. This would place the government employee in a position far in advance of that which he occupies at the present time and make the profession what it should be, the most altruistic of all. This is the scheme which prevails to a certain extent in England and has worked out so satisfactorily.

The superintendent of education for the District of Columbia, Dr. Davidson, spoke in appreciation of the work done by the George Washington University in the interests of better schools and better education. He said that he was convinced that the University occupied a unique position in the United States in this respect. Dr. David-

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BENEFIT PLANNED

Theatre Party for Hospital

ON the evening of April 7, at Columbia Theater, will be presented "The Night Out," by May Robson, and arrangements have been made for a great University theater party on that occasion. The Board of Lady Managers of the University Hospital are promoting this and they bid for the hearty support of students and friends of the University, both because of the pleasure of the evening entertainment and because of the worthy object in view.

The theater management has generously granted to the board for its work one-half of the receipts for tickets sold by friends of the movement outside the theater office. This is a superior arrangement to that of previous years and insures against any loss and guarantees a return. The usual rates will prevail, 50c to \$2.

The distribution of tickets is in Mrs. E. G. Siebert's charge, and tickets are on sale at the office of the University treasurer, the office of the Medical Department and at the hospital office, and may be had from the members of the board.

The particular object of this benefit theater party is to provide funds for a nurses' home in connection with the Nurses' Training School of the University Hospital. The present rented home must soon be vacated. Some funds are already on hand to this end.

A theater party by the Lady Board of Managers of the University Hospital has become an annual affair. The board members have dedicated their best efforts to promoting the high aims of the University Hospital, namely for charitable purposes and medical education.

The scope of their work for the hospital is shown by the names of the various committees as follows: Bed Linen, Blankets and Pillows, Bureau, Washstand Covers and Sash Curtains, Children's Ward, China, Dispensary and Maternity Ward, Entertainment, Grounds and Nurses' Home, House, House-furnishing, Library, Sewing, Tablecloth, Napkins and Tray Covers, and Towels.

Aside from the present special effort to obtain funds for a nurses' home, the board has been providing about \$100 worth of supplies monthly to the hospital. The in-

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Y. M. C. A. FEASTS

Annual Banquet Successful

GOOD food a-plenty, speeches in just the proper moderation and brand new toastmaster's jokes from Mr. Maxson all combined to make the annual Y. M. C. A. banquet a flattering success. The festive board was spread in the assembly hall of the Central Y. M. C. A. Despite the very inclement weather, about twenty-five students and guests were present at the opening of hostilities. Dean Hodgkins, Professor Smith, ex-Commissioner McFarland and Mr. Radford of the British Embassy were the honor guests, while Dean Wilbur was among those present.

The banquet was opened by a prayer by Professor Smith. He said in part: "O Lord, when we consider Thy greatness and the scope of Thy power, we fear to raise our voices in petition unto Thee. What is man that Thou art mindful of him. But when we reflect that Thou didst send Thy son to suffer among men and to redeem the world thereby; that He suffered hunger, and thirst, and temptation; we feel that Thy interest is great in us, and that we may raise our voices humbly unto Thee to ask for Thy blessing upon us who are gathered here to partake of Thy bounty, upon our friends who can not be with us tonight, and upon the entire University."

A lengthy intermission was then taken while physical man was fed. Intense silence reigned until the last portion of cheese and crackers were started on their happy mission to the repair of the ravages of a hard day's work, then Mr. Maxson arose and sadly announced that although he would have to depend upon the Lord that night, he hoped to come better prepared next time. He paid a tribute to the efficiency of Mr. Ramsey as president of the student's Y. M. C. A. "In the past the organization has asked for hard work from its presidents, but has met with only indifferent response. This year things are different. We have obtained a leader whose devoted efforts are meeting with the success they deserve." He then introduced President H. P. Ramsey, "For the College Y. M. C. A."

President Ramsey declared that he had not much to say beyond making a few very important announcements. He said he was glad to be able to announce that finally

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G. W. U. VICTORIOUS

DEBATE CLOSE AND INSTRUCTIVE

Washington and Lee Meets Third Consecutive Defeat

OUR debating team, long known for its victories in its intercollegiate debates, has another flattering page to add to its annals and the debaters are to be congratulated for winning the debate against the team of Washington and Lee University. The debate took place on Saturday, March 15, in the Law School Auditorium, the question being, "Resolved, That a More Easy and Expeditious Method of Amending the Federal Constitution Should Be Adopted." The team deserves especial credit because it was handicapped in two different and most important ways. Firstly, it had very little time for preparation; and secondly, it had no coaching whatever. In spite of these handicaps, however, our debaters did full honor to the University. We believe that not only would they have proved successful against a rather weak team, as was the one representing Washington and Lee, but the decision would not have been different if the opposing team were much stronger.

President Stockton, who was the presiding officer of the evening, opened the meeting by extending greetings of welcome in behalf of George Washington University to debaters of Washington and Lee. President Stockton briefly explained the importance of college debating and its phases.

Mr. Burr S. Stottle of George Washington opened the debate for the affirmative. He outlined the present methods of amending the Constitution and showed their difficulties. He stated that these difficulties were originally necessary because of two reasons. Firstly, the jealousy which then existed between the states; and secondly, because "our people at the time of the framing of the Constitution were not versed in self government." Great restrictions for amending the Constitution were therefore necessary. Now both of the above factors, the speaker explained, having been eliminated, their results should also be changed. He showed that many states change their Constitution at stated periods, and "If these states have outgrown their own Constitution it is so much more with our Federal Constitution."

Mr. Masinter of Washington and Lee opened for the negative, saying that this method will strike at the very foundation of our Constitution, and pleaded to make changes practical, but not hasty. He pointed out that our Constitution does keep

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abreast with the times and expands along with civilization. He claimed that the rapid growth of this country is due to our Constitution and its great restrictions for amending it. "It is not the Constitution that is at fault," he said, "but the people who do not take enough interest in it."

Mr. Randolph C. Shaw of George Washington was the second speaker on the affirmative side. He pointed out that his side was not against the Constitution. "We want a reasonable delay for mature consideration," he said. He pointed out many objections to the present method of amending the Constitution and showed they can be eliminated.

Mr. Saunders of Washington and Lee was the second speaker on the negative side. He pointed out how the present method of amending the Constitution would work just as well and therefore need not be changed. He entered into legal discussion of the question on which he based his arguments.

Mr. Harry G. Seltzer of George Washington closed the debate for the affirmative. "In the light of experience we recognize the defects of the past and remedy the future," he stated. He then outlined seven different methods proposed by the affirmative as substitutes for the present method of amending our Constitution, any one of which, he stated, would be acceptable.

Mr. Hanesche of Washington and Lee closed the debate for the negative. He claimed that the proposed changes "Would weaken our sense of security in the Constitution and we can not have security in that which is not secure." He admitted the existing evils of today, but claimed that they can be ameliorated by the present method.

The rebuttal brought out many a witty answer from all the participants. Authorities were doubted and compared. The recency of editions of books quoted was questioned by the negative. These episodes brought out many a smile of the audience who seemed to have enjoyed them greatly.

The judges consisted of Dr. E. S. Bradford of the Bureau of Corporations, Mr. Charles S. Nesbit, treasurer of Masonic Mutual Life Association, and Hon. Joseph Howell, member of Congress from Utah. The decision was two to one in favor of the affirmative.

A musical solo by Miss Nellie May Sebastian, assisted by Miss Kate Alderman, pianist, opened and closed the meeting.

Splendid Chance

THE University HATCHET offers to the students of the George Washington University courses of instruction in the Berlitz School of Languages of this city at greatly reduced rates. This arrangement has been made for students of this institution only. Any person desiring to take up a conversation course in any foreign language would do well to consult THE HATCHET first.

LAWYERS TO BANQUET

ALL PREPARATIONS MADE

Prominent Officials and Alumni to Attend

PREPARATIONS have been completed for the banquet of the alumni and students of the Law Department of the George Washington University which is to be held on the 19th of this month. In addition of upwards of two hundred students who have signified their intention of being present, there will be an even larger contingent of alumni residents in the District of Columbia and the environs. The dean of the law college, Dr. Charles Noble Gregory, will preside. In addition to the president of the University, the Vice President of the United States, Justice Peelle, chief justice of the United States Court of Claims, and Mr. J. B. Lerner, the Hon. H. B. F. MacFarland, A. S. Worthington, members of the Board of Trustees of the George Washington University, will speak. There will also be speeches made by the faculty members present as well as certain members of the student body. While it is not as yet certain what orchestra will be engaged for the occasion, it is supposed that a section of the Marine Band will be present.

The purpose of the banquet is twofold. Not only is it desirable that an affair of this sort be held each year when students and alumni may meet and greet each other, but also it is hoped that such an event will go to make up a stronger feeling of attachment among the alumni to the institution to which they owe their success in life. No college can prosper without a strong alumni. A strong alumni can not be formed unless there is a common meeting ground for the graduates. It is hoped that many will respond to the present invitation to put themselves once more in touch with their alumnus pater, George Washington.

Tickets cost only \$2.50. They are to be obtained at the office of the treasurer of the University, and at the Law School.

An effort will be made to have the Law School Association cooperate with the students in their work and facilitate the study of the law and active practice in those first years' of apprenticeship after graduation. The object is a worthy one and deserves the support of both the students and faculty and of the graduates.

Notice!

THOSE interested in the formation of a tennis team at the George Washington University will please send their names to Mr. W. D. Bull at 2023 G street. Those already signed up are: Houghton, Bull Maxon, Ramsey, Cunningham, Mayfield, Richards, Smith, McAuley, Valaer, Wood, Barrett, Mary Beneheimer, Alexander, Tibbetts, Peterson, Varney, Slarrow, Burt, Ludholtz, Smith Murray, and Noonan.

CHI OMEGA OFFERS PRIZE

Sorority Aids Sociological Research

THE Chi Omega Sorority has offered a prize of \$15 to the student of the George Washington University, who, having taken a course in Sociology, shall write the best essay on some subject in connection with that work. The topic of the thesis must be approved by the professor of sociology and must be handed in to the University faculty by the 1st of May.

The above are the only limitations. Any student is eligible who satisfies these requirements. The prize has been offered in the interests of the subject as well as in the interests of the students. Realizing that there are too few rewards for scholarship offered by the University authorities, the Chi Omega Sorority has made this announcement and generous offer. It is hoped that many will take advantage of the opportunity to win distinction.

Four Economic Prizes Offered to Students

IN order to arouse an interest in the study of commerce and industry, and to encourage college men to consider the problems of a business career, the Hart Schaffner & Marx Company of Chicago, offers in 1914 four prizes amounting in all to \$2,000 for the best essays on economic subjects.

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The first and second prizes of class A are \$1,000 and \$500, respectively; for class B \$300 and \$200. The committee, however, reserves to itself the privilege of awarding the prizes of class A to the undergraduates of class B, if the merits of the latter papers demand it.

The prize essays will be published in permanent form, the ownership of the copyright going to the donors. The manuscripts should be sent to J. Laurence Laughlin, Esq., University of Chicago, before June 1, 1914. Those interested in this competition may obtain further information at the Recorder's Office.

Practically all the repairs in the Medical Building required by the fire damage have been completed. Ornamental metal ceilings were placed in the histology laboratory, library and lecture hall No. 3. During the vacation season such ceilings will also be placed in lecture halls Nos. 1 and 2. Much of the wiring in the building has already been brought up to latest standards and the rest of it will be during the next few months. There is a recognized need for improving the acoustic properties of lecture halls Nos. 1 and 2, especially of No. 1, for the benefit of the large classes that meet in them.



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GREEKS DANCE

All Fraternities Represented at Annual Ball

THE annual ball of the fraternities of the George Washington University was held in the Red Room of the New Willard Hotel on the night of March 28th. All the fraternities of the University were represented, eighty-five couples being present.

The President of the University, Admiral Stockton, Dean and Mrs. Monroe, Dean and Mrs. Hodgkins, and Dean Gregory acted as chaperons on this occasion. There were 28 dances in all, the ball lasting until 2 a. m.

While a financial report of the affair has not been officially given, it is believed that it was eminently successful from this as well as every other viewpoint. The turkey trotting and ragtime was on the whole decent and in some instances even artistic. It was a more successful attempt to get the fraternity men of the University together than any which has yet been undertaken. It is unfortunate that there were so few of the young ladies of the University present. On occasions of this sort, and University affairs generally, it should be the object of the committees in charge to see to it that invitations are extended to both sexes of the colleges.

Mr. Raymond, President of the Inter Fraternity Association, was chairman of the Committee on Arrangements and Mr. Frank Howard acted as secretary and manager of the affair. Both of these men deserve congratulation on the efficient manner in which they performed their duties and succeeded in conducting one of the most interesting University events which has been held for several years.

On Friday evening, April 4, the combined Chapters of the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity of George Washington and Georgetown Medical Schools will give a dance at the Cairo. Besides the active members of the two chapters, alumni members and faculty alumni members will be present.

A large number of active and alumni members attended the annual banquet of Sigma Phi Epsilon held at the New Ebbitt on Monday, March 17. After all had partaken of a very delightful menu, Toastmaster Frank R. Jeffrey introduced the following speakers: W. L. Phillips, national grand secretary; W. E. Barton; A. L. Barber, David Baer and Rosser L. Hunter. During the course of the evening Laurence Wilson rendered a bass solo. After the regular program several members of the fraternity who graduate this year took the opportunity to make their farewell speeches.

Sigma Phi Epsilon held another of its enjoyable teas on the afternoon of Easter Sunday. Miss Gaddis and Miss Haden presided at the tea table.

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son further pointed out the value of a powerful alumni association to a university and expressed his hope that the present alumni organization of this institution would continue to exercise its influence in the interests of a greater George Washington University.

Mr. Archibald Hopkins, one of the trustees of the University, made a short address commending the work of the institution. It was pointed out that there is no other university in the United States offering the same advantages and none other which affords so many opportunities to persons wishing to give a part only of their time to university work.

The president of the University, Admiral Stockton, made the annual report to the alumni, showing that the University is at present in a better position than it has been in many years. Notwithstanding the advance in requirements, there are at present more students enrolled than there were at this time last year. The University is now free from present debts and is on a fair way to success. The fact was pointed out that no university in the United States was self-sustaining as this is and that the tuitions of no other institution were sufficient to meet the financial needs. It was therefore urged that the alumni and the community generally support the president of the University in his efforts to raise money sufficient to place the University on a firm footing. It was shown that the sum of at least \$35,000 must be raised by subscription within the next few years. For this the alumni must be responsible. The benefit which is derived from a university course, if it is worth anything at all, can not be valued at the price of tuition. A man owes something then to his alma mater throughout his life. It is really a moral obligation on his part to pay off and the least that he can do is to aid in the matter of subscriptions to the University funds.

Admiral Stockton expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the University authorities for the work of the Columbian Women and the Board of Lady Managers of the University Hospital. Their constant efforts in behalf of the institution and their eminently successful efforts we may say, have in no small degree assisted in maintaining the Columbian College and the Department of Medicine. The loan fund of the Columbian Women which has made it possible for many young ladies to continue their work in the University was spoken of, and it was suggested that the Alumni Association establish a similar fund for the benefit of the financially embarrassed men of the city. This would not only be a great aid to the University, but also it would enable many persons to obtain an education who would not otherwise have the opportunity. In addition to that fact, it would be of incidental financial benefit to the Alumni Association. Money loaned in this manner has in almost every

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Chi Omega Prize

THE HATCHET wishes to express its appreciation of the efforts of the sororities in the interests of scholarship. This is the right sort of fraternity and sorority activity. As long as these organizations employ their efforts in this direction they are occupying a useful field in the college. It is to be hoped that more will come forward with similar proposals.

Why No Hatchet?

THIS question was asked frequently last Friday. The answer is not far to seek. There was not a single class or department editor, with the exception of the editor of the Medical Department, who offered any news. It is impossible to publish without news. It is furthermore impossible to publish without the co-operation of the students. This is the student's paper. If they want it kept up they must support it and see to it that their representatives send in the news and send it in promptly. If the attitude of the students in the future is to be the same as their past attitude, it is more than probable that the one remaining factor in bringing the students of the various departments will pass out by the same road as athletics have gone by. It is a serious matter. Are the students of George Washington University to be known throughout the college world as being apathetic, taking no interest in student affairs and lacking in patriotic spirit? Yet this will be the general inference and is rapidly coming to be the prevailing opinion. What are you going to do about it?

Inter-Fraternity Affairs

WE note with pleasure that the recent dance of the Interfraternity organization was such a "successful social function." It conclusively demonstrated the strength of such an organization in the University. Much valuable energy and time on the part of those in charge was consumed in attending to the details of the affair. Why cannot such an united effort on the part of

the various fraternities be made toward the furtherance of University activities? At a time when athletics are at a crisis in the University, a combined effort of all the fraternities, such as was made to assure a "successful social function," would practically bring about the razing of the deficit.

The amount of money expended for a single night's pleasure by the "frats" would be sufficient to pay off the debt which at present causes the faculty to place the ban upon the gridiron sport. The trifle sum of a little over three hundred dollars stands between the resumption of football or its final annihilation, for the crisis is reached and the decisive step "for" or "against" must be taken this year. The interfraternity society by the same effort with which they gave a dance can "get together" and pay off the paltry debt. Why not a united effort for the everlasting good of the University and for the "whole" University instead of for a hundred and fifty fraternity men and women?

Pass Examination

MESSRS Frey, Lepper, Taylor and Thatcher are being congratulated upon having passed the civil service examination for the position of assistant chemist. Mr. Frey received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry last year. While in college he was an active member of the Chemical Society. Messrs. Lepper, Taylor and Thatcher are seniors in college and expect to receive the degree of B. S. in Chemistry in June.

Appointments to the position of assistant chemist are not effective until graduation.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Lepper is president of the Chemical Society and that Messrs. Taylor and Thatcher are past presidents of the society. That all of the men from George Washington who took the assistant chemist examination competed successfully with applicants from colleges all over the country speaks well for the courses leading to the degree of B. S. in Chemistry, and especially for the efficiency of the Department of Chemistry of this University.

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Dr. Hornaday has unfortunately been on the sick list for a couple of weeks, but we hope to see him with his classes again soon. In his absence Mr. McCray has been conducting the organic chemistry quizzes of the second year class and directing the work of the third year men in clinical chemistry.

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CHEMICAL SOCIETY NOTES

THE regular March meeting of the Chemical Society was held Friday evening, March 14. Mr. Thompson read the principal paper of the evening on the subject, "Blasting with Lime." He gave a brief resume of the general subject of lime, including the geological origin, varieties, composition, properties, manufacture and uses. It was explained that "it has not been proposed that lime-blasting should supersede powder, dynamite, and the other high explosives, but that it should be used in dangerous gaseous mines to alleviate the great damage to life and property caused by the ignition of mine gases and gas-and-air mixtures.

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"In order that the method be successful, however, it is necessary that the coal, or rock, be very close-grained, and that there be no fissures nor cracks, as it is obvious that the expansion of slaking lime is too slow to be of any use.

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"In view of the tendency of engineers toward quick results, it is highly improbable that quick-lime can ever attain any importance in blasting, except in a few very special cases."

Mr. Thatcher read a brief account of some recent researches in the "Hydrogenation of Oils."

Mr. Lodholz was on hand with his usual supply of interesting abstracts.

Mr. Walton will read a paper on "The Use of Geology in Iron Ore Exploration" at the regular meeting to be held April 4. Mr. P. J. Donk will present a paper on "Electrolytic Copper."

On March 13, at a meeting held in the Medical Building, Mr. Gulbrandsen, of the Welsbach Company, addressed the Washington Chemical Society on "Incandescent Gas Burning." He recited several

interesting facts concerning the history and accidental discoveries of the principles of incandescent lighting and experiments with the various rare earths used for the impregnation of mantles.

The various processes involved in the manufacture of gas mantles are principally as follows:

A tubular fabric is knitted and very thoroughly purified by long treatment with acid and caustic soda and rinsing with distilled water in air-filtered rooms, making a pure, practically ashless cellulose. When cut into desired lengths and shaped into desired forms, it is impregnated with a liquid containing salts of the rare earths, principally thorium and cerium. The fabric is then completely burned away, leaving only the oxides of the metals used, or in other words, a fabric of ash. This is passed through a colloid solution which gives a protective coating for transportation. After being inspected and tested for strength by shocking, the finished mantle is packed for delivery.

It was emphasized that the customer does not burn off the fiber of a new mantle, as is generally erroneously supposed, but the coating of colloid forming the protective coating. Artificial silk and ramie as well as cotton are now being used for the fabric; and it is interesting to note that not a shred of the thousands of dollars' worth of fiber so carefully knitted and purified and deliberately destroyed ever leaves the factory.

Several novel demonstrations were made and specimens of ore, salts of the rare earths, impregnating liquid, fibers, fabrics, and finished mantles were exhibited. Photomicrographs of mantle structures were thrown on the screen, besides many factory views illustrating the various processes. A weight of 30 grams was suspended from the loop of a burned-off mantle without breaking it. A bank of lamps very effectively illustrated the varying efficiencies of mixtures of Th and Ce salts, showing that 1 per cent of Ce gives the best results, both in quantity and quality of light.

Y. M. C. A. FEASTS

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a Bible Class had been organized to be conducted under the auspices of the College Y. M. C. A. "We have realized from the very beginning of the year the urgent need for a class of this kind, but its organization has been prevented by many difficulties. It was hard to pick a time which would be convenient for any great number of the members. A leader was hard to obtain, but we finally decided that a small class would be better than no class at all, so we have organized a study class to meet every Friday at 1 p. m. in the Chapel. The subject will be 'The Life of Christ.' We want all the members who are in the vicinity of the school at this hour to make it a point to attend."

Mr. Ramsey further announced that a joint social of the College Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. would be held in the assembly hall of the Central Association on Wednesday night, April 2d. No admission will be charged and all members of the

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University are cordially invited. He also urged the men to attend the Sunday afternoon lectures at the National Theater, declaring that the subjects there discussed are of vital importance to young men. The speaker closed his talk with the reading of a selection from Mark Twain.

Mr. Maxson then introduced the speaker of the evening, ex-Commissioner MacFarland, whose subject was "The Ideal College Y. M. C. A. Man—John R. Mott." Mr. MacFarland said that it was his privilege to welcome those present in a double capacity. As vice president of the Central Y. M. C. A. he could officially welcome them to the building in which they were present, while as one of the trustees of the University he could welcome an organization which he considered as most important among the various student activities. "I know what difficulties you young men have to encounter and overcome. But rather than sympathize with you on that score, I congratulate you for it. We are not men who seek or love ease; we want difficulties to meet and overcome, because we are the better for having fought a brave battle. I congratulate you on your difficulties; on your peculiar difficulties." The speaker then went on to tell the story of the life and character of John R. Mott as exemplifying the ideal college Y. M. C. A. man; how he had started at Cornell a poor country boy, intending to study law; how his abilities as a great executive and organizer, having been recognized, he was persuaded to enlist under the Y. M. C. A. banner as a "worker for humanity," and how now, at forty-eight, he had more power for good than any man now living. "And he has attained this high eminence not by working selfishly for his own aggrandizement, but by giving his whole heart and soul for the noble work to which God had called him. If anybody should speak sneeringly to you of the Y. M. C. A. man, ask him to cite you a nobler, finer, truer man than John R. Mott." In conclusion Mr. MacFarland urged the men to send a representative to the summer camp at Northfield, where he would meet such men as Mr. Mott and other almost equally great workers. "I shall be proud to be permitted to contribute toward a fund for this purpose."

Mr. Radford of the British Embassy then rendered a battle poem by Tennyson and a whimsical fairy tale of the City of Brotherly Love. His spirited and discriminating rendering of the selections won the appreciative applause of the audience.

Dean Hodgkins closed the list of speakers, answering to the toast, "For the University." He dwelt upon the relation of the Y. M. C. A. to the students, urging them to continue in the spirit of liberality which has marked their endeavors up to this time, and impressing upon them the importance of right thinking. "Right thinking leads to right doing, and right doing on your part leads to right doing by your friends and associates. Be careful that you indulge only in right thinking."

ENGINEERING NOTES

THROUGH the courtesy of Mr. Hanna, the Chief Engineer of the Capital Traction Company of this city, the Engineering Society was able to enjoy an interesting and instructive evening last Saturday, going over the new power plant at 32nd and Water streets in Georgetown.

The Society, together with representatives from Professor Woodward's class in "Dynamo and Motors," and from Professor Mortimer's classes, met in the lower hall of the college immediately after the close of the last recitation hour and proceeded to the power plant via the sidewalk route along Pennsylvania Avenue, stopping off en route at 32nd and M streets for a light repast, which might have included a dozen egg sandwiches had not the owner of the eggs so quickly returned from his journey to bring in one of the bashful members who had "already et." Entertainment along the route was furnished by Messrs. McC— and B—, who told "jokes?" and anecdotes, none of which could be printed. The party was further augmented at the power house by other members of the Society and by Professor Mortimer's entire class in "Electric Railways."

In the absence of Professor Mortimer, who had expected to be able to be present, the president of the Engineering Society acted as guide, and explained the various apparatus with the help of Mr. Leonard, who is always quite at home in central stations.

The journey took in, in order, the boiler rooms with its large Babcock and Wilcox boilers fed by Roney stokers, which had only been seen in pictures heretofore by many of the members of the party, the ash handling machinery located in the basement under the boiler room, the basement room under the engines where the condensers, pumps, feed water heaters, oiling system, and large transformers are located, and lastly the main engine room, which contains four fifteen hundred kilowatt A. C. generators direct connected to Westinghouse Parsons turbines, two synchronous converters and the usual exciters and other auxiliaries. The rotaries pleased Dr. Lodholz more than anything else in the building. He greatly enjoyed watching the A. C. go in and the D. C. come out, and explained to his admiring audience just why they were of one thousand Kva capacity rather than 1,000 K. W. In the absence of toastmaster Pozen, it must be said that the Chemists were certainly able to hold their own, even if Bortman did hesitate to explain what a transformer was, when, since all that can be seen from the outside is a big iron tank, he could have thrown most any old line to the sophomores who asked him the question and have gotten away with it. He simply lost his nerve, that's all.

The great success of the venture had led to plans to arrange for another trip in the near future to some other industry in the neighborhood of Washington, possibly to the steel works across the river, or



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Lots of us have been wondering why Professor Dunstan left order for McCormick and Barber to mark all students in their respective classes absent who were not present by ten minutes after the hour, and yet left no such restriction for Leonard. Leonard and Barber don't seem to mind at all, but poor Mac is in the deuce of a way—if he counts everybody present each time, the Prof. will flunk him for dereliction of his duty and on general principles, and if he marks attendance strictly, he will get "beat up" something awful by his colleagues. He didn't enjoy his trip Saturday at all, worrying about this.

The senior engineering class will have a meeting sometime in the very near future to discuss plans in general, and the selection of a class pin in particular. The meeting will doubtless be held in the home of President Snelling, and will be more or less in the nature of a class dinner.

SENIOR COLLEGE NOTES

THE Senior Class held a meeting on Wednesday, March 19, in the Chapel to clear up class business for the rest of the year until graduation. A design for a class pin was agreed on and the orders are being sent in. If you haven't ordered yours, see Miss Urickson or C. C. Houghton. Every form of student activity was discussed and the possibilities for the resumption of athletics was taken up.

The class displayed its interest in the future careers of its members by electing M. A. Pozen, prophet, and Miss O. A. Taylor, prophetees.

The play committee held a consultation Monday night at the home of M. A. Pozen. An outline of the sketch to be presented by the class during commencement week was drawn up. The title determined upon is, "The Rehearsal." The offering will be a light farcical sketch upon local topics. The peculiarities and foibles of George Washington students and faculty life will be touched on with a humorous pen. The custom of the college gives full license to the dramatists of the Senior play to satirize students and faculty unsparingly, the only stipulation being that nothing shall be done in malice, but all in fun.

The committee reports the engagement of several celebrated local stars to feature in its splendid production. The committee is thus enabled to present before the students numerous stellar attractions for whom Frohman sighs in vain. Before long the committee will be able to announce the engagement of the majority of the student leaders and faculty lights.

The play will be in large part a musical show. The committee claims to have a method for developing musical genius of the most unmelodious. George Cohan has been refused the performing rights of three of the hits.

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First Year Class Smoker Big Success

ON last Saturday night at the Hotel Continental the Class of 1915 of the Law Department of George Washington University held the first of its series of class smokers. On the whole this is the most successful affair of the kind which has been held for many years. Not only was the attendance largely beyond precedent, but also the general holiday spirit prevailed among students and faculty alike. There were present beside Admiral Stockton, the president of the University, the dean of the Law Department, Dr. Gregory and Professors Jones, Fraser, Earnest and Pherson. Spirits and spirit flowed in abundance, much to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Admiral Stockton spoke of the great work which the Law Department is doing, of the high standards maintained there and the satisfaction with which the school is viewed by the authorities of the University. "The law school," he said, "is with us permanently." It is not only self supporting but it is also supplying a definite need in this section of the country. Other departments may come and may pass out of existence, but there is every reason to suppose that this one will abide.

Dean Gregory and the other speakers of the evening impressed upon the young men present, who are starting out in the greatest of all professions, the necessity of constant application to work, the rewards for honest industry and the value of the present position of the lawyer in society. Honesty to one's self and to others is the prime requisite for success in the legal profession. Honesty to one's self in college means the getting of the most out of the courses and the co-operation of students and faculty in attaining the desired end.

The smoker gave an opportunity for the students to meet the faculty on their own ground, so to speak. It was an occasion where dignity was thrown aside and no distinctions or formalities required.

The committee in charge of the affair was made up of Mr. Elmer Stewart, chairman; Mr. Keats, Mr. Finckel, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Parmelee and Mr. Stanley. The entire burden, however, rested upon the shoulders of Mr. Stewart who deserves the congratulation of the class for the manner in which he carried off the most successful smoker yet held. His remarks as toastmaster in introducing the speakers were humorous and apt. It might be a good hunch to elect him class toastmaster. Somebody said that the beer contained alcohol, but at the same time it is noticeable that the ginger ale bottles were not opened during the entire evening—not even by the faculty. Some hundreds of cigarettes were consumed also. It was further demonstrated that girls are not necessary to successful turkey trot parties. At any rate the men seemed to enjoy dancing with one another perhaps because of the freedom of action where the feet are unhobbed.

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ALUMNI DINE

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The toastmaster of the evening, Dr. J. Holdsworth Gordon, in addition to his very pertinent remarks in introducing the speakers, gave an interesting speech on the condition of the University. He stated for the benefit of the alumni that the University Medical College is at present ranked among the A colleges of the United States, and is one of the nineteen whose diplomas are recognized abroad. The Law School is on an equal footing with Harvard and Columbia. The Law Department is the main-stay of the University, not only being self-sustaining, but also turning over a cash balance each year which is employed to support the other departments. It was shown that the standards maintained at the George Washington University Law Department are as high as those of any other college in this section as is attested to by the fact that despite the fact that 50 per cent of all candidates for admission to the bar of the District of Columbia have been refused, not a single graduate of the George Washington University has failed during the past five years.

Former commissioner of the District of Columbia, a member of the Board of Trustees, Hon. H. B. F. MacFarland, made a strong appeal for funds. It was then that the women clearly showed their right to be present by contributing largely. While we are not prepared at the present date to give a list of the contributors, still we may conservatively estimate the amount raised at the meeting at \$3,000. A full report will be given in the next issue of THE HATCHET.

The plan is as follows: The University must have, to insure payment for the present location and for the purchase of other necessary property, \$35,000 within the next five years. No less than \$50 will be received of each contributor. Payments may be made in any fashion extending over a period of five years. The maximum amount is not limited. Nor is the list of contributors to be limited to the alumni of the University. Any person may add his name to the list.

The gratitude of the Alumni Association is due to Dr. Hodgkins, who managed the most successful affair of this kind which has yet been held. As secretary of the association he has been a most active worker and it is due largely to his efforts that the organization has been maintained so successfully.

A list of those present follows:

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BENEFIT PLANNED

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